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of the Miami area. When MM 635-S introduced CAB DIAZ LANZ, the latter told CABRERA that his name was GARCIA. (The CIA source knew DIAZ LANZ as PEDRO GARCIA. CIA, in its memorandum of 11/4/64, stated that CIA had been able to identify GARCIA as MARCOS JOSE DIAZ LANZ.)

DIAZ, in the presence of MM 635-S, told CABRERA he could supply weapons and CABRERA expressed interest in making a sizeable purchase, indicating that he wanted to furnish them to some political followers of former Venezuelan President PEREZ JIMENEZ, who is now in prison in Venezuela. Informant said that during this meeting, DIAZ expressed the opinion that if "LBJ" became President, the United States would go communist and he remarked that there existed some secret organizations, such as the "Minutemen," who would fight to the end and that in his opinion, there could be a military coup. DIAZ mentioned some place, not in Florida, where the "Minutemen" are reportedly organized. At no time, however, did DIAZ state that he is a member of the "Minutemen" or that he had sold arms to them. Also, DIAZ did not say that the "Minutemen" plan an armed insurrection against the United States Government. He claimed, however, that his brother, PEDRO, had some connections with groups of this sort but did not specifically mention the "Minutemen." Also, he did not claim the existence of any "Minutemen" military camps in Florida.

MM T-1 was of the opinion that DIAZ probably had subsequent meetings with CABRERA but informant does not know what, if anything, transpired during these meetings

On November 3, 1964, Mr. JOE VIDAL, CIA/liaison Miami, telephonically inquired concerning background information on MM 635-S, under his true name, and requested identity of the Cuban who had been arrested with him in the mid-1950's. Since it was known that MARCOS DIAZ, LANZ had been arrested with informant during that period, CIA was furnished with the name of MARCOS DIAZ LANZ and background information on informant, without disclosing his relationship with this office. It therefore appears that CIA's source is undoubtedly EFRAIN LORENZO CABRERA, who is known to this office but not regarded as being completely reliable. He has been contacted concerning FALN activities in Venezuela. He is a former chauffeur and bodyguard to PEREZ JIMENEZ when the latter was exiled in Miami.



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On November 5, 1964, Miami contacted RAY DUBOIS, CIA, Covert, Miami, in order to interview CIA source pursuant to Bureau instructions. DUBOIS felt that interview of their source by the FBI at this time would compromise that source relative to another facet of importance to CIA, Miami. He indicated that this additional facet related to an arms transaction involving Venezuela. This office did not insist upon interviewing their source in view of the vulnerable position of MM 635-S, it being noted that only three individuals were present during the first conference between MARCOS DIAZ, CABRERA and Miami informant. Mr. DUBOIS agreed when the suggestion was made that interview of MARCOS DIAZ by the FBI based upon the newspaper article mentioned in the enclosed letterhead memorandum would not jeopardize CIA source

This memorandum is classified "Secret" because it contains information which was so classified by CIA.

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Will locate and interview PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ, 5437 North Johnstown Avenue, who is now a full-time lecturer for the Christian Crusade, concerning any knowledge he may possess relative to the "Minutemen" and any preparations of that organization for an armed insurrection in the event of President JOHNSON's election; also, concerning the existence of any military training camps or organizations of that group in Florida or elsewhere.

It is to be noted that PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ has been the subject of investigation by the Miami Office since 1959 relative to his anti-CASTRO revolutionary activities. He has also cooperated with this office on many occasions and is personally known to SA GEORGE E. DAVIS, JR., who interviewed his brother, MARCOS, in this matter. Miami informant has reported in the past that PEDRO DIAZ has attended some meetings of the John Birch Society in the

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